attached during the financial year of 1993-94; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is at present severe shortage of Pantry Cars with Railways and besides, the catering requirements of the passengers are being adequately met from static catering units enroute;

**DMU Rakes between Barasat and Hasnabad Section**

1148. SHRI ASHIS SEN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce more DMU rakes between Barasat and Hasnabad Section of Sealdah Division of Eastern Railway until electrification of this section;

(b) if so, by when and the details thereof; and

(c) the steps so far taken by the Railway in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) to (c) The proposal is under consideration.

**Modernisation of Shahdara Railway Station**

1149. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that even a waiting hall and other ordinary amenities are lacking at Shahdara Station near Delhi; and

(b) if so, whether Government have any plan for modernisation and development of this Station; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise. However, modernisation works will be taken up when so warranted by growth in passenger traffic.

**Introduction of Super Fast Express Train between New Delhi and Visakhapatnam**

1150. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a super fast express train between New Delhi and Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Dakshin Express which now runs between Delhi and Visakhapatnam is lacking in minimum facilities; and

(d) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to up-grade Dakshin Express?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Loan from Asian Development Bank for purchase of electric locomotives**

1151. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways are liable to pay heavy commitment charges running into crores of rupees to the Asian Development Bank for non-utilisation of the loan sanctioned for the purchase of 6000 H.P. Electric Locomotives; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to avoid this liability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) As per the Loan Agreement signed on 16.12.1987, commitment charge is payable to the Bank by the Government of India @ 0.75% per annum. Such charge will accrue on amounts of the Loan, less amount withdrawn from time to time, during successive periods, commencing sixty days after the date of the Loan Agreement, as per schedule laid down in

the Agreement. The commitment charges are claimed by ADB on half-yearly basis, on every 15th June and 15th December. The commitment charges upto 15.12.1992 amounted to US $ 4.309 million.

(b) Payment of certain amount of commitment charges is unavoidable in all loan schemes as some minimum gestation period is always involved towards execution of projects and claiming disbursements.

**Plan outlays for Railways for the year 1993-94**

1152. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the Plan outlay for railways under different heads decided upon for the year 1993-94; and

(b) in what manner Government propose to meet the expenditure in case the outlay exceeds the present resources?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) A statement is enclosed. *(See below)*

(b) Railways have a system of financial control to ensure that the annual plan outlay is not exceeded.

**Statement**

*Plan outlays for Railways for the year 1993-94*

| Plan Head | Rs. in crores |
|---|---|
| Rolling Stock | 2750 |
| Workshops & Sheds | 260 |
| Machinery & Plants | 85 |
| Track Renewals | 1010 |
| Bridge Works | 80 |
| Traffic Facilities | 1130 |
| Signalling & Safety | 165 |
| Computerisation | 60 |
| Electrification | 280 |
| Other Electrical Works | 65 |
| New Lines | 200 |
| Staff Quarters | 27.5 |
| Staff Welfare | 32.5 |
| Users' Amenities | 60 |
| Other Specified Works | 30 |
| Inventories | 90 |
| M.T.P. | 170 |
| Railway Research | 5 |
| Investment in PSUs | 0 |
| TOTAL | 6500 |

**Mss Rapid System Project in Madras**

1153. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) What steps are taken by Government to speed up the execution of Mass Rapid System Project work in Madras;

(b) when the project is expected to be completed; and

(c) what are the impediments encountered by Government for the quick implementation of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) (i) Allocation of funds to the project has been increased.

(ii) State Government of Tamil Nadu has been approached to hand over the balance land required for construction of the project.

(b) and (c) Subject to availability of funds and land being handed over by the State Government, the project is targetted for completion in 1995.

**Setting up a Cell for disposing Scraps etc.**

1154. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have set up a special cell to look into the ways and means of disposing scraps generated by the workshops track renewals and rolling stock;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the said cell has submitted its reports on scrap?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.C. LENKA): (a) A Scrap Mangement Group has been set up in the Railway Board to monitor disposal of scrap.

(b) The Group comprises of senior officers of different Directorates and is headed by Adviser (Stores), Railway Board.